

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 394 - SB 815**

February 14, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any state employee from lobbying during the 12-month period immediately following departure from such office or employment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(1), members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the executive branch, members of the Governor's cabinet, or cabinet level staff within the Governor's office are barred from lobbying for 12 months after leaving such employment.
- The provisions of the bill would expand applicability to include all state officials or officers, employees of any branch of state government, employees whose compensation is paid by the state, employees of the state whose compensation is paid in whole or in part by federal or other funds, and employees of higher education.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306 (a)(2)(B), the Tennessee Ethics Commission (TEC) may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$10,000, if a person knowingly violates the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304.
- No violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(1) have occurred since its enactment in 2006; therefore, any increase in state revenue from civil penalties assessed is estimated to be not significant.
- Updating of any online manuals and the TEC website can be accomplished within existing resources and will not result in any significant increase in state expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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